



Recovery Update from the Iowa Office of Energy Independence

June 17, 2009

Three new funding opportunity announcements were recently released by the **Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability** within the Department of Energy (DOE).

- The Iowa Office of Energy Independence will receive funding under the **Enhancing State Government Energy Assurance Capabilities** announcement to develop and expand plans which would integrate new energy portfolios and new applications into Iowa's energy assurance and emergency preparedness plans
- The Iowa Utilities Board will receive funding under the **State Electricity Regulators Assistance** announcement to help increase Iowa's capacity to facilitate timely consideration of electricity-related investments under the Recovery Act
- The **Resource Assessment and Interconnection-Level Transmission Analysis and Planning** announcement seeks to assist in the development and strengthening of the three transmission interconnections, to prepare analyses of future transmission requirements, and to create long-term transmission expansion plans
- The links for all three announcements can be found below

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced a **Climate Showcase Communities Grant**.

- The program offers \$10 million in competitive funding
- All local government entities may apply
- Counties, cities, local public authorities, school districts, special districts, intrastate districts, and councils of government are all considered eligible
- The overall goal is to create replicable models of sustainable community action that generate cost-effective and persistent greenhouse gas reductions while improving the environmental, economic, public health, or social conditions in a community
- A 50% cost match in the form of cash or in-kind contributions is required

A database was recently created for questions on FedConnect which relate to the **Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants Program** (EECBG).

- Anyone can submit questions to DOE through the FedConnect system
- The questions and answers relating to EECBG have been categorized and can now be reviewed at <http://oxford.seiinc.org:8012/eecbg%20Q&A/home.php>

Finally, all of OEI's Recovery programs will be covered at the 2009 Environmental Conference on September 16, 2009. A save the date card is attached with this update.

As always, thank you for your interest in the Recovery programs and in our activities. We look forward to working with you in the coming weeks.



Enhancing State Government Energy Assurance Capabilities and Planning for Smart Grid Resiliency

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=WNwnK20d2JvVhJ6gSGJW8xrXjLRjhmY122cQjwySx0TJt2h9TtNZ!-1618952969?oppld=47948&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>

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State Electricity Regulators Assistance

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=WNwnK20d2JvVhJ6gSGJW8xrXjLRjhmY122cQjwySx0TJt2h9TtNZ!-1618952969?oppld=47951&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>

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Resource Assessment and Interconnection-Level Transmission Analysis and Planning

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=jx21K2Nhhcl4Ty7LrF2D1XsmW1qqz1FR1Xt1q27NfN6jnvBdTK1D!772105606?oppld=47961&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>

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Climate Showcase Communities Grant

<http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/showcase.html>

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EECBG Questions and Answers from FedConnect

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